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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous report. The market tone remained firm. Retail and distributive demand was mostly in a range of moderate to very good. In the Midwest, severe winter weather conditions were hampering movement. Supplies were generally sufficient and remained confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** All prices were higher with the exception of small to producers in IA-MN-WI. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg demand was in a full range of light to very good. Loose egg movement was slow to fairly good and reported as hindered by the extremely cold weather in the Midwest. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were higher. Offerings were in close balance to adequate for the continued moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51	LARGE	31-39	34
LARGE	43-53	44-47	MEDIUM	19-24	22
MEDIUM	30-40	32-35	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to very good, best where features were present. Supplies ranged adequate to close and were held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to short for normal schedules. Demand was noted as usually moderate. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-66	52-55
LARGE	45-59	50-54
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large and large prices 5 cents higher, mediums increased 6 cents. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to in close balance with some packers working extended schedules. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the confidently held offerings. Floor stocks were closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-46	39-42

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to close and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to short for the usually moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-58	52-55
LARGE	46-56	50-53
MEDIUM	32-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 5 cents higher on the larger sizes and 6 cents higher on mediums when compared to the previous report. The market tone was firm. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close and held with increased confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	66-70
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	52-56

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were higher for all sizes. The trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and held with confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-57	51-53
LARGE	48-56	49-52
MEDIUM	39-46	40-42

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 6-7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 20% lower than last week with California down 17% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 26%. Retailer demand good. Offerings light.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 17% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 88, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289		NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239		
MEDIUM	189-205		

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 21, 2005 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 14, 2005 were 259,376 cases which was 21 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	222,743	36,633	259,376
% change from the prior week.....	+22	+13	+21

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were higher. Offerings were in close balance to adequate and confidently held. Demand continued moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	14-16

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14.75	10-11	10.95

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 18, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	12.6	5.6	9.6	7.7
	Change	-1.2	-0.7	-2.7	-3.2	-1.9
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	38.2	16.7	25.9	24.6
	Change	-1.9	-18.7	-1.2	-2.4	-5.9
Large	Curr Wk	50.1	103.0	56.3	94.7	65.1
	Change	5.6	-31.4	-10.0	-3.9	-8.8
Medium	Curr Wk	11.1	31.3	11.9	19.3	24.3
	Change	0.5	-5.1	0.5	-3.2	-5.4
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	8.5	2.4	4.8	3.3
	Change	-2.0	-2.6	0.9	-0.5	-3.2
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	41.5	9.0	14.9	4.3
	Change	0.6	-0.6	1.8	-1.4	-1.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	76.8	16.9	27.6	15.6
	Change	-5.7	1.5	-7.7	-5.2	-9.5
Total	Curr Wk	111.6	311.9	118.8	196.8	144.9
Percent	Change	-4%	-16%	-13%	-9%	-20%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	884.0	-13%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	275.2	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,159.2	-10%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 14, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							36.75		FUTURE LOADS							16.25		TOTAL LOADS							53.00	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	39.75	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	47.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00									
GL W XL	—	—	51.00	49.25	49.00	51.00	12.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64.70	8.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	47.81	48.91	19.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.63	8.25									
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	36.91	43.00	2.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	2.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	22.50	24.00	13.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/10/05-01/14/05

CURRENT LOADS 130.75								FUTURE LOADS 65.25								TOTAL LOADS 196.00							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	27.00	35.43	31.00	29.33	36.56	36.00	26.00	GNR W 1	35.00	40.36	—	—	—	42.00	13.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GNR BR 1	—	57.50	—	—	50.00	—	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	62.25	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	51.00	52.50	52.00	49.00	5.00	GL W J	56.50	—	—	—	—	67.00	3.00								
GL W XL	41.75	45.15	43.40	43.27	45.07	44.33	57.25	GL W XL	—	50.82	—	—	—	58.06	25.50								
GL W LG	—	45.17	38.42	39.00	43.25	47.37	61.00	GL W LG	—	42.21	—	48.40	50.00	54.68	40.50								
GL W MD	33.00	30.33	23.38	22.60	34.60	43.00	17.75	GL W MD	—	35.27	—	33.25	40.00	43.77	13.50								
GL W SM	24.00	26.50	—	—	19.50	21.00	3.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	24.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	25.50	22.27	24.71	50.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	3.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/10/05	01/03/05	01/12/04
PACIFIC COAST	432	400	124
LOS ANGELES	421	387	39

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market was steady on small, higher on the balance of sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.72
LARGE	69.72
MEDIUM	58.16
SMALL	43.24

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 1/12/2005

Report Period: 12/12/2004 - 12/18/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,958	1,958
Arkansas	0	0	780	780
Colorado	0	0	2,925	2,925
Illinois	0	0	1,170	1,170
Iowa	4,590	6,000	48,647	59,237
Michigan	0	0	3,505	3,505
Minnesota	5,036	887	7,085	13,008
Missouri	0	0	780	780
Montana	0	0	776	776
Nevada	0	0	530	530
North Carolina	0	0	780	780
Ohio	0	0	2,380	2,380
Oregon	1,958	950	0	2,908
Pennsylvania	810	0	0	810
South Dakota	810	0	0	810
Texas	0	0	3,013	3,013
Utah	270	450	9,943	10,663
Virginia	0	0	830	830
Washington	0	600	0	600
Wisconsin	0	0	1,616	1,616
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,474</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>86,718</b>	<b>109,079</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,474</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>86,718</b>	<b>109,079</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 1/12/2005

Report Period: 12/19/2004 - 12/25/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	4,769	4,769
Colorado	0	0	5,242	5,242
Illinois	0	0	810	810
Indiana	0	0	780	780
Iowa	4,122	1,460	40,592	46,174
Michigan	0	0	1,554	1,554
Minnesota	4,837	1,610	5,370	11,817
Missouri	0	0	1,770	1,770
Ohio	0	0	1,740	1,740
Oregon	1,965	0	0	1,965
South Dakota	768	0	0	768
Texas	0	0	4,989	4,989
Utah	420	600	7,064	8,084
Virginia	0	0	830	830
Wisconsin	0	0	600	600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,112</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>76,110</b>	<b>91,892</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED</b>				
<b>TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>12,112</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>76,110</b>	<b>91,892</b>